

REMARKS

The Office Action mailed March 5, 2008 has been carefully considered. Reconsideration in view of the following remarks is respectfully requested.

The Applicants hereby request acknowledgement of the Information Disclosure Statement filed herewith.

Claim Status and Amendment of the Claims

Claims 1-45 are currently pending.

Claims 1-35 and 40-45 have been allowed. The Applicants gratefully acknowledge the indication of allowance of claims 1-35 and 40-45.

Claims 36-39 stand rejected.

With this Amendment, Claims 36-39 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter contained therein.

The 35 U.S.C. § 102 Rejection

Claims 36-39 stand rejected as allegedly being anticipated by Yang et al.^{1 2} With this Amendment, Claims 36-39 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer, rendering the rejection of Claims 36-39 moot.

Conclusion

It is believed that this Amendment places the above-identified patent application into condition for allowance. Early favorable consideration of this Amendment is earnestly solicited.

¹ U.S. Patent Publication No. 2003/0223379 to Yang et al.

Allowable Subject Matter

The Examiner is thanked for the kind allowance of Claims 1-35 and 40-45. The Applicants acknowledge the Examiner's statement of reasons for allowance as set forth in the Office Action. However, Applicants point out that the reasons for allowability of the above referenced claims are not limited to the reasons for allowance as set forth in the Office Action, and that additional reasons for allowability may exist, each of which may be independently sufficient to establish the patentability of one or more pending claims.

If, in the opinion of the Examiner, an interview would expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at the number indicated below.

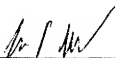
The Applicants respectfully request that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

Please charge any additional required fee or credit any overpayment not otherwise paid or credited to our deposit account No. 50-1698.

Respectfully submitted,

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² Office Action mailed March 5, 2008, at ¶ 2.